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The Firestone Police Department has increased officer presence at local schools as part of an effort to provide a level of comfort and security to our students, staff and parents. With this in mind, we encourage our parents to review the following tips to help keep our kids safe. And we ask that you report any and all suspicious activities occurring in and around our schools. Thank you.

Safety Tips for Kids

- I know my full name, my parent's names, and our address and phone number.
- I know when and how to use 911 and 0. I know I can dial 911 and 0 from a pay phone without any money.
- I never put my name on my clothes, jewelry, caps or belongings where people can see it.
- I tell my parents about things that happen to me that make me feel scared, uncomfortable or sad.
- I know the difference between a good secret and a bad secret. A good secret is fun to keep, like a surprise party. A bad secret feels bad to keep, and telling my parents about it doesn't make me a "tattle tale."
- **Strangers:** I know that a stranger is anyone I don't know well. Even people I recognize - like the mailman or ice cream truck driver - are strangers, and that someone can be a stranger even if they look nice or know my name. I never tell strangers my name or where I live.
- **Buddy System:** I use the "buddy system" and avoid walking or playing alone outside and in public places.
- **Walking:** When I walk down the street, I always face traffic so that I can see if someone stops their car near me. I never take short cuts through deserted areas like creeks or vacant lots.
- **Yell NO, Run and Tell:** I know that yelling and running are better safety ideas than trying to hide. If a stranger approaches me, I will YELL "No," RUN to where there are safe adults, and TELL an adult.
- **Safe Distance:** I know to stay a safe distance (approximately three arm-lengths) away from strangers and stranger's cars, even if a stranger seems nice. I know to run in the direction opposite from the direction the stranger's car is traveling.
- **Fight Back:** It is okay to yell and fight; anything to get the stranger to let go. Yelling is the most important thing I can do, and to yell, "No!" "Help!" or "Fire!" to get an adult's attention.
- **Home Safety:** I keep all the doors and windows locked when I am home alone, and to go to a neighbor and call 911 if a window is broken or if the door is open when I get home. I know how to call my parents or a neighbor if I get frightened when I'm home alone.
- **Doorbell Safety:** I answer the door by asking, "Who is it?" I never say that I am alone, and never open the door when I am alone, unless it is someone my parents told me to expect and let in. When I am alone, I always talk through the door and say, "My parents are busy now, I'll tell them you stopped by." If the person does not leave, I know to call "911."
- **Phone Safety:** I never say that I am alone when a stranger calls. I let the answering machine screen calls or say, "Mom/Dad can't come to the phone now, can I take a message?" If someone is making strange noises, saying scary things, or not saying anything, I will hang up the phone.
- **Internet Safety:** I know never to give my last name, address or phone number to a person on the Internet, and that it is never safe to meet Internet friends in person without my parent's supervision and consent.

For Halloween Safety Tips: <http://www.halloweensafety.com/>